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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 percent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " " " "

" 12 " 5 " " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, March 21, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 31st of July, 1876.

SAYLE & Co.

Hongkong, March 16, 1877. ap16

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNETT will Conduct the Business of my Office, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS, Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyds Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. ap18

NOTICE.

MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration.

We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-

signed,

WM. CRUICKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Underigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN, W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ap8

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF A CARRIAGE, HARNESS, & 2 PONIES, THE PROPERTY OF A. SIENKIEWICZ, Esq., CONSUL FOR FRANCE.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 29th March, 1877, at 4 p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road.

One 4-wheeled Victoria PHAETON, for One or Two Ponies. Bail Aime, Paris, Builder.

One Pair Grey North China PONIES, with Silver Mounted Harness.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877. mc29

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 12th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,—

ON THE SPOT

(Unless previously disposed of by Private Sale).

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 54, comprising 10,000-square feet, measuring from North to South 100 feet, and from East to West 100 feet, with a substantial Brick Dwelling House and Out-houses built thereon, known as "Carlton House," Annual Crown Rent, \$131.40.

And,

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet, with a substantial Brick Godown built thereon.

Also,

That Piece or Unbuilt Levelled GROUND, attached to the above Lot, and Registered in Land Office as same Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet. Annual Crown Rent, \$185.08, for Inland Lot No. 768.

TERMS.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the remainder on completion of the Deed of Transfer. The Buildings will be at purchaser's risk after the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 13, 1877. ap12

Intimations.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

TO Expedite the Delivery of Telegrams, this Company's London Station has been connected by Pneumatic Tubes with the following Post Office Telegraph Stations:—

Lothbury—Founder's Court.

No. 27, Cornhill.

No. 68, Threadneedle Street.

The Baltic.

Gresham House.

No. 150, Leadenhall Street.

No. 42, Fenchurch Street.

No. 76, Lower Thames Street.

Mark Lane.

No. 8, Eastcheap.

No. 101, Cannon Street.

St. Martin's Old General Post Office.

New General Post Office.

Leadenhall Street.

Temple Bar.

West Strand.

Instead of going through the General Post Office, Messages will be distributed at once by the Company's own Messengers, unless they can be tubed more quickly through the above-mentioned Stations.

GEORGE J. HELLAND, General Agent.

Shanghai, March 18, 1877. mc80

ERNEST WASSILL & Co., PHOTOGRAPHERS.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as a PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the Building lately occupied by the Hongkong Photographic Co., under the above Style.

ERNEST WASSILL.

Hongkong, March 8, 1877. ap1

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON, No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Begs to inform his Friends that he intends being a GUEST from HONGKONG for Six or Eight Weeks, leaving early in APRIL.

Hongkong, March 12, 1877.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s

CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ***, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENOS

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been Appointed SOLE AGENTS for China and Japan, for

JOSEPH STANLEY, LONDON, Manufacturer of Gold and Silver LACES, Embroidery, &c., and Military and Naval Appointments of every Description.

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on hand, for the Regiments stationed here, as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN NAVIES.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

NOTICE.

NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBALDI" will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 23, 1877.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836. CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING. RESERVE FUND, £240,000

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr. A. McIVER as its AGENT in HONGKONG.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Underigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

A. McIVER, Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877. ap17

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. O. PRESGRAVE, Municipal Secretary.

Penang, 21st September, 1876.

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS, &c., &c., &c.

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. [tl]

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMMENCING ON FRIDAY Next, the 16th instant, the Steamer POWAN will Run as a Night Boat between HONGKONG and CANTON, leaving Hongkong on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 6.30 p.m., and CANTON on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, at 6.00 p.m.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

WANTED.

SOME Active Intelligent Men as TURN-KEYS in VICTORIA GAOL. Salary commencing at \$40 per Month, with Quarters and Uniform.

Applications to be made to the Acting Superintendent of the Gaol.

VICTORIA GAOL, Hongkong, March 23, 1877. mc30

THE MEDICAL HALL, 37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

Now Ready.

"THE CHINA REVIEW" No. 4. Vol. V.

Annual Subscription, Six Dollars and a Half.

CONTENTS.

Essays on the Chinese Language, (Continued from page 182.)

Deer-Stalking in China.

Chinese Dentistry.

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A Legend of the Peking Bell-Tower.

A Chinese Hornbook.

The Law of Inheritance.

A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries.—A Chinese Dictionary in the Cantonese Dialect.

"Watching Spirits."

Chinese-Folk-lore.

Yin and Yang, according to Aristotle.

Pigdin English.

Gothic's "Werther" in China.

Chinese Minstrel.

White Ants.

Books Wanted, Exchange, &c.

China Mail Office, Hongkong, March 26, 1877.

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.

On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.

FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SEAWALS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES' BOYS' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price.

FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.

100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.

Several thousand Yards of VALUOUS REMNANTS, comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOS, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 28th.

SAYLE & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Captain PITMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877. mc28

FOR BANGKOK.

The Spanish Steamer "ZAMBOANGA" will be despatched for the above Port on the 31st instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to AH YON.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877. mc81

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "NAMO," Capt. WESTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap1

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Ship "MYSTIC BELLE," PLUMER, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, March 10, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Ship "MOYEAH," W. TAYLOR, Master, will load here, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 18, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 13 years 83 L. 1.1 Danish Bark "KORSOR," L. C. GRO

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

GAS TUBES, BENDS & ELBOWS.
Apply to
H. KIER & Co.
Hongkong, March 23, 1877. mc80

FOR SALE.

JUST LANDED EX S. S. "Hesperia."

H. PIPER & Co.'s Celebrated CHAM-PAGNE: CARTE BLANCHE, CARTE BLANCHE SEC and CARTE DOREE in Qts. and Pints.
—Also—
The well known ORANGE DUFFY & Co.'s BRANDY in Cases of 12 qt. Bottles and a Small Lot of MEDOC CLARET in qt. Bottles.

Apply to
L. L. BUSH.
Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EYRE, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF.
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.
Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

FOR SALE, AT CANTON.

A STEAM COTTON MILL, well adapted for Working Native COTTON, under NINGPO or TIENTSIN. Capable of Making 3 piculs of Yarn in 12 hours, consisting of:—

Steam Engine and Boiler 15 Horse Power
Nominal, 1,280 Spindles, 12 Carding and 2 Drawing Machines, 1 Speeder 18 Spindles, 1 Stretcher 60 Spindles, 1 Lap Machine, 1 Cotton Gin, Bobbins, &c., with shafting and Belting Complete.
For Further Particulars and Terms of Sale, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

HONG KONG LIST.

Circular, large sheet.
THE AMENDED HONG LIST in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.
Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.
At the "China Mail" Office.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,

COAL MERCHANTS.
Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.
Mr. ANYON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr. FAR JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.
Hongkong, March 19, 1877. ap19

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking through Cargo for TIENTSIN, CHEFOO and NEW HANG.)
The Steamship
"GLENARTNEY"
Captain GULLAND, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 27, 1877. mc29

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenartney, having arrived, consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Under-landed into their Godowns, whence from the Wharf or Boats-delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary is given before 11 a.m. To-morrow, the 28th instant.
Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd Proximo will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 27, 1877. ap8

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALDEN BESS, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Regario & Co.
Formosa, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. G. Scherer.—Melchers & Co.
MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plummer.—Stiemensen & Co.
RUSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
PAROLA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. H. W. Lund.—Landstein & Co.
EDRO, British barque, Capt. George W. Toker.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
WINNEMAH, British ship, Capt. Mann.—Meyer & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 26, 4 p.m., *Olympia*, German steamer, 777, F. Nagel, Saigon March 26, 3 p.m., *Ries*—Stiemensen & Co.

ARRIVALS.

March 26, *Brema*, German barque, 880, O. Timpo, Haiphong, March 9, *Ries*—WIEBER & Co.

March 27, *Uziak*, British schooner, 219, F. Harnden, Haiphong March 16, General.—WIEBER & Co.

March 27, *Bowen*, British steamer, 844, Miller, Sydney Feb. 24, via ports of call, and Cooktown March 6, and Singapore 21, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

March 27, *Hydra*, German barque, 785, T. Dest, Cardiff Nov. 16, Coal.—STIEMSEN & Co.

March 27, *Bombay*, British steamer, 749, Smith, Yokohama March 20, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 27, *Glenartney*, British steamer, 120, W. A. Gulland, London Feb. 11, via ports of call, and Singapore March 21, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 27, *Montgomeryshire*, for Saigon.
27, *Aves*, for Bangkok.
27, *Sunda*, for Yokohama.
27, *Noria*, for Swatow.
27, *Jeddah*, for Saigon.
27, *Cairns*, for Saigon.
27, *Formosa*, for Tientsin.
27, *Sir Harry Parker*, for Taiwanfoo.
27, *Emeralda*, for Amoy.
27, *Khiva*, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Antenor, for Shanghai.
Douglas, for Swatow, &c.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Bowen*, from Sydney, &c., Messrs Wood, Levy, Cran, Capt. Stevens, and 222 Chinese.
Per *Bombay*, from Yokohama, Mr and Mrs Alex. Marks, 2 children and servant, Miss Haru and servant, and 4 Chinese.
Per *Glenartney*, from London, Messrs Williams, Pressack and Otto.
Per *Olympia*, from Saigon, 16 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Sunda*, for Yokohama, Mr Ah Lut, Capt. Furvia, Mr Rhode, and Mrs Ellerton and family.
Per *Khiva*, for Shanghai, Messrs Anderson, Sayle, Armstrong, Chongkong, and Bahajee.
Per *Montgomeryshire*, for Saigon, 40 Chinese.
Per *Noria*, for Swatow, 107 Chinese.
Per *Cairns*, for Saigon, 120 Chinese.
Per *Emeralda*, for Amoy, 1 Cabin, and 200 Chinese.
To DEPART.
Per *Antenor*, for Shanghai, 20 Chinese.
Per *Douglas*, for Swatow, &c., 6 Europeans, and 200 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Olympia* reports: Had light S.E. winds and fine weather until to-day (26th) at noon, when had thick rainy weather to arrival.

The German barque *Brema* reports: Left Haiphong harbour the 7th of March, and the Light House on the 9th. In the Gulf first two days light easterly winds, at the South of Hainan calms and variables with strong westerly current for ten days. After which one day strong N.E. wind and then two days moderate S.E. wind, and last two days moderate N.E. wind with thick rainy weather.

The British schooner *Uziak* reports: Fine weather with light variable winds. On the 18th March, spoke British schooner *Tullochgorum* bound to Haiphong off S.W. point of Hainan; all well.

The British steamer *Bowen* reports: Left Sydney on the 24th Feb. at 5 p.m., and arrived Moreton Bay on the 26th at 8 p.m. Received Mails and passengers on 1st March at 2 p.m. and proceeded towards Keppel Bay. On the 2nd at 11 p.m. arrived at Keppel Bay, and left again at 12.20 a.m. On the 4th at 4 a.m. arrived off Bowen and proceeded again at 4.25 a.m. Arriving off Townsville at 2 p.m. Received and delivered Mails and passengers and proceeded at 3 p.m. on the 5th; at 1.55 p.m. let to anchor off Cooktown, at 8.40 p.m. weighed anchor and proceeded. On the 6th at 9.15 p.m. stopped and let go anchor in Torres Straits it being too thick to proceed. On the 7th at 2.20 a.m. got under way, and at 2 p.m. anchored off Somerset. Discharged Mails, cargo and passengers and received ditto, and on the 8th at 12.30 p.m. weighed anchor and proceeded towards Singapore; on the 19th at 4.15 p.m. made fast alongside Tanjong Agat wharf, Singapore. On the 21st at 5.10 p.m. unmoored ship and proceeded towards Hongkong. The *Bowen* experienced light winds and fine weather from Sydney to Somerset, fresh westerly monsoon from Somerset to Singapore, and from thence to 26th inst. light winds and fine weather. On 28th inst. light winds and hazy, and in the evening strong N.E. breeze with high sea lasting until arrival.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—
Per *CYPHERNES*, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 28th instant, instead of as previously notified.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *ANTENOR*, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst.

Per *GLENARTNEY*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 29th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *BELGIO* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 3rd April, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters closes.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m. Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and is not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, March 27, 1877. ap8

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
The English Contract Packet *KASHGAR* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 29th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 28th instant.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 29th instant.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 12 cents extra to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, March 16, 1877. mc29

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *PEITHO* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 5th April, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, April 4.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, April 5.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, March 23, 1877. ap8

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 17, *Eliza Shaw*, from London to Shanghai.

Nov. 21, *America*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, *Western Chief*, from London to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, *Madura*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, *Hannah Law*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, *New Era*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 4, *Benduluth*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 17, *A. E. Vidal*, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Dec. 17, *Carrioks*, from London to Hongkong.

Dec. 19, *Channel Queen*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 20, *Chinaman*, from London to Hongkong.

Dec. 22, *Sophie*, from New York to Hongkong.

Dec. 23, *Ino*, from Greenock to Swatow.

Dec. 23, *John Nicholson*, from New York to Shanghai.

Dec. 27, *Undine*, from London to Shanghai.

Dec. 29, *Olympe* (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai, (at Singapore, repairing).

Dec. 29, *Canaan*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 4, *C. R. Bishop*, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 11, *Windhover*, from London to Shanghai.

Jan. 12, *Woodhall*, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Jan. 12, *Hope*, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 12, *Gryle*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 12, *Batavia*, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Jan. 31, *Forward Ho*, from London to Shanghai.

Feb. 1, *Robert Henderson*, from Buryport to Hongkong.

Feb. 2, *Polynesia*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 6, *Carriak*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 8, *Daphne*, from London to Hongkong.

Feb. 12, *Leading Wind*, from Antwerp to Hongkong.

Feb. 18, *Bertha* (str.), from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 18, *Glaucus* (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.
At London.—*Steamers via Suez Canal.*
Argentine. Gaidia.
Flanders Coast. Glesnara.
Scandinavia. Kalsara.

Sailing Vessels.
Sir Landest. Belted Will.
City of Aberdeen. Penrith.
Antwerp. Enid.
Scandinavia. Oskia.
Commissary. Kalsara.

At Liverpool.
English (str.). Lord Macatlay.
C. W. Coburne.

At Glasgow.
Glasgow (str.). Isle of Eris.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, March 29:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Goods per *Djemah* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.
4 p.m.—*Glenartney* leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—Sale of Carriage, &c., at Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sale Room.

SATURDAY, March 31:—
Daylight.—*Zamboanga* leaves for B'ghok. Goods per *Belgie* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, April 1:—
Daylight.—*Namoa* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, April 2:—
Goods per *Khiva* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, April 3:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Goods per *Glenartney* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, April 12:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Ground, at Queen's Road East.

SATURDAY, April 14:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.

Notice of Optional Cargo per *Glenartney* to be given before 11 a.m.

Goods per *Viking* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1877.

THE columns of our northern contemporaries have, during the last fortnight especially, contained most distressing accounts of the sufferings in Shantung consequent on the famine. Thousands of people are represented as having died from starvation. The greatest distress appears to be in the centre of the province, where at least a million and a half of persons are said to be starving to death. The Rev. Timothy Richard writes from Ching-chow in Shantung under date of Feb. 5th:—"In summer the great cry of the mass of the people was for rain. Now it is for very life. Having finished their corn they eat grain-husks, potatoe stalks and elm bark, buckwheat stalks, turnip leaves, and grass seeds which they gather in the fields and sieve the dust off. When these are exhausted they pull down their houses, sell their timber, and it is reported every where that many eat the rotten kaoliang reeds (sorghum stalks) from the roof and the dried leaves which they usually burn for fuel. Of their eating fuel leaves there is no doubt. Thousands eat them and thousands die because they cannot get even that. They sell their clothes and children. Having no clothing left to protect them from the cold many take refuge in pits, built underground, to keep themselves warm by the fetid breath of the crowd, which is bought dearly. In the last suburb of Ching-chow city there are four such pits. One-third of the number (240) originally put in them are now dead within six weeks, and yet no sooner is one corpse carried out than a crowd struggles for the place!" This is a very terrible state of things even for China. It hardly seems possible that such events can transpire in any part of the world in the nineteenth century, excepting perhaps in the centre of Africa or some other spot equally remote from civilized beings. Coming, however, from a missionary we are bound to believe that we have here but a record of facts. The *Shanghai Courier* has had placed at its disposal the following statistics from the worst villages in the famine district, taken by a person sent for the special purpose of obtaining them on the 6th instant:—

COINAGE REFORMS AT MANILA.

The following decree regarding the suppression of foreign coins appeared in the Manila *Gaceta* of the 21st March 1877, and was reproduced in the *Comercio*:—

1. From this date and until further notice the introduction of foreign coins of all classes into these islands is forbidden.

2. With regard to the previous article, all the coins sent for from foreign countries previous to the publication of the present decree, are excepted. The parties interested must furnish to the Exchequer within 24 hours, a true list of such requisition for the examination and satisfaction of the Board.

3. The Mexican silver coins in circulation in the islands, in virtue of the decree of the 24th July, 1876, issued by the Board of Exchequer, may continue to circulate as the legal tender of the country.

4. The recoinage of the said coins will be proceeded with immediately and with all readiness in the Manila Mint, converting them into Spanish coins within the least possible time, after which there will be no other legal tender but that of the Spanish coinage so far as silver coins are concerned; all other coins will be considered as bullion or in intrinsic value only.

5. All other previous decrees against this is considered null and void.

The *Comercio* adds: "We deduce from this that all the Mexican coins at present in circulation, together with those sent for from China up to the date of the last trip of the *Salvadora*, will be accepted at the Government offices at par, provided the Government are made acquainted with all necessary particulars within the time required; and as they are received at the Treasury, the dollars will be sent to the Mint for conversion into Spanish coins of 50, 20 and 10-cent pieces, so that the public will suffer no loss whatever by the money they have already in hand for circulation. It can be said therefore that the foreign coins in question can at present be considered equal in value to Spanish money considering the present views of the Government, which are solely intended to stop the evils that seemed impending."

	Produce	Barrel	Good	Good	Good
Hwang-kia Chwang	50	12	10	...	...
Kiang-kia Chwang	40	62	...	...	...
Sui-kia Chwang	100	110	...	...	...
Liu-kia Hsieh	...	...	...	...	...
Sun-kia Chwang	60	...	...	...	...
Liang-hien Chwang	30	21	...	...	...
Ho-twan	60	22	...	...	...
Yang-kia Chih	60	51	...	...	...
An-kia Chwang	110	55	...	...	...
Pop-kia Chwang	60	62	...	...	...
Tung-kia Chwang	120	108	...	...	...

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(Via Suez.)

LONDON, 24th March, 1877.

\$8,320	Do.	Do.	4 p.m.	\$8
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